

SEATTA CONSTITUTION

1 NAME

The Association shall be named as the South East Asian Table Tennis Association (hereinafter referred to as the Association)

2 AIMS

2.1. To enhance friendship among the people and table tennis players of the countries in the region and to develop friendly ties between the table tennis circles and players of Asia.

2.2. To promote the popularization, development and advancement of table tennis in South East Asian region.

3 MEMBERSHIP

3.1. Eligibility

3.1.1. Any member association in the South East Asian region may be admitted as a member of the Association.

3.2. Application

3.2.1. Application for membership shall be made to the Association in writing on a form approved by the Council.

3.2.2. All application shall be submitted three calendar months before the date of the Congress Meeting.

3.2.3. The Executive Committee shall review all applications on behalf of the Council and make recommendations to the Council.

3.2.4. Application for membership shall be considered by the next Congress Meeting and shall be accepted if they receive the votes required under Article 5.1.1.

3.2.5. The Council may, by two-thirds majority of the votes cast approve an application to be "provisional membership" which shall entitle such member association to attend the next Congress Meeting without voice or vote and to compete in all SEATTA events.

3.2.6. The representative of an association admitted as a member at a Congress Meeting shall shall be entitled to attend the meeting and to vote.

3.3. Personal Honorary Membership

3.3.1. Officials who have given long and outstanding service to the Association may upon

retirement, be conferred as lifetime title of Personal Honorary member of any appropriate title by the Congress on the recommendation of the Council

3.3.2. Persons so designated shall be entitled to attend all the SEA and Junior & Cadet Championships with free hospitality and to attend Congress Meeting with the right to speak but not to vote.

3.3.3. Subscriptions

3.4.1. Each member association shall pay an annual subscription of 50 US dollars.

3.4.2. The first subscription shall be paid with application for membership and subsequent subscription shall be due on 1st July of each year.

3.3.4. A representative of an association whose subscription is in arrears shall not be entitled to vote at a Congress Meeting, either for his own association or as a proxy or to serve on the Council or a Committee or to play in the SEA and Junior & Cadet Championships.

3.4. Suspension and Termination

3.4.1. An association which fails to pay its subscription for three successive years shall be suspended automatically from membership.

3.4.2. An association which is suspended from membership

(a) shall not have the right to enter or nominate players for any event held under the jurisdiction of the Association nor to attend or be represented at the Council.

(b) shall not be liable for subscription during the period of suspension and suspension and may re-admitted to membership on payment of part or all of the subscriptions due, at the discretion of the Council.

3.4.3. An association which seriously and persistently fails to maintain the principles or adhere to the regulations and decisions of the Association may be expelled by a majority of three-fourths of the votes cast at a Congress Meeting.

4 ORGANS OF THE SEATTA

4.1. Congress

4.1.1. The supreme body of the Association shall be the Congress of the member associations.

4.1.2. The Congress shall generally be convened once every two years at the SEA Championships and during the period when the championships are held.

- 4.1.3. With the consent of the Council, an Extraordinary Congress may be convened to handle emergency matters.
 - 4.1.4. The quorum of the Congress shall be half of the total member associations.
 - 4.1.5. Decisions at the Congress shall be made as provided under Article 5.
 - 4.2. Officers
 - 4.2.1. The officers of the SEATTA shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, the Honorary Secretary General and the Honorary Treasurer.
 - 4.3. Council
 - 4.3.1. The Council shall consist of the Officers and seven members as follows:-
 - (a) Six members elected at the Congress Meeting
 - (b) Chairperson of the Women in Sports Committee appointed by the Executive Committee
 - 4.3.2. The Council shall meet as required during the period of the Congress Meeting but otherwise shall conduct its business by correspondence.
 - 4.3.3. When the Congress is in recess, the Council will represent the Association and guide the work of the Executive Committee.
 - 4.4. Executive Committee
 - 4.4.1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary General and Honorary Treasurer.
 - 4.4.2. The Executive Committee shall meet during period of the Congress Meeting and therwise when convened by the President.
 - 4.4.3. The Executive Committee, entrusted by the Congress and the Council, shall ensure the implementation of decisions made by the Congress and the Council handle the routine work and emergency matters and make reports on its work to the Congress and the Council.
 - 4.4.4. The Executive Committee may establish certain number of special committees to assist in its work.
 - 4.5. Eligibility for Office
 - 4.5.1. Nominations for SEATTA Officers, members of the Council and Committees are to be

submitted by the Member Associations.

4.5.2. A member of an association whose subscription is in arrears shall not be eligible for election or co-option.

4.5.3. No person shall at one time serve as a full member of more than one committee other than Executive Committee and no more than three such posts shall be occupied by the members of one association.

4.5.4. A paid official of the SEATTA shall not serve as an Officer or as a member of the Council or a Committee.

4.5.5. All officers and members of the Council and the Committees shall serve for a period of four (4) years and can be re-elected.

4.6. Committees

4.6.1. The composition of Committees shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

4.6.2. Committees shall normally meet only during the period of the Congress Meeting and shall otherwise conduct their business by correspondence.

4.6.3. A member of a Committee who does not, within a reasonable specified period, express in writing an opinion on a written proposal circulated by or on behalf of the Chairman of that Committee shall be considered to have agreed to any resulting recommendation submitted in the name of the Committee .

4.6.5. The Chairman of each Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee report of the activities of the Committee once every two years, drawing attention to any recommendation which the Committee wishes to make. Acceptance of the report shall not automatically imply acceptance of such recommendation.

4.6.6. Any recommendation by a Committee which would lead to a rule change shall be subjected to specific approval by the Executive Committee and where such a rule change requires ratification by the Congress, a proposition embodying the change shall be included in the agenda of the Congress in the name of the Executive Committee.

4.6.7. Committees may, where so authorised, act on behalf of the Council but the and its duration shall be specified by the Council and shall be reviewed not later than at the next meeting of the Council.

4.6.8. All members of the Committees shall be entitled to attend Congress Meeting, but without vote unless representing an association.

4.6.9. The duties of the Technical Committee shall be :-

- (a) to advise the Executive Committee on the organisation of SEATTA Championships or any other tournaments.
- (b) to make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the system of play for the Championships.
- (c) to provide advice and assistance to the Championships organisers in the organisation and management of the Championships.
- (d) to appoint the Chairman of the Jury for the Championships.
- (e) to assist the Referee in any question of interpretation of the rules at the Championships.
- (f) to be responsible for the draw for the Championships.
- (g) to approve the playing schedule for the Championships prepared by the Organising Association.
- (h) to set up a roster of its members so that at least one of them is available in the playing hall on each of the day of the Championships.

4.6.10. The duties of the Rules Committee shall be:-

- (a) to advise the Executive Committee on all questions of interpretation of rules which may be referred to it.
- (b) to assist the Championships Referee and Technical Committee on any question of interpretation of rules.
- (c) to advise and assist members of SEATTA on proper interpretation of the Laws and Regulations as laid down by ITTF.
- (d) to co-ordinate and aid the work of referees and umpires at every championships.

4.6.11. The duties of the Women in Sports Committee shall be :-

- (a) to advise the Executive Committee on the organisation of various events and programmes to encourage women participation in table tennis.

(b) to conduct educational course for female participants

4.7. Advisor

The President may appoint an Advisor to advise and to assist in the work of SEATTA.

5 VOTING

5.1. Matters at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast except that :-

5.1.1. Admission of a new member shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

5.1.2. Expulsion from membership and changes to the constitution shall require a three-fourths majority of the votes cast.

5.1.3. Dissolution of the Association shall require a four-fifths majority of the votes cast.

5.2. For each voting, including elections, at least two scrutinizers shall be appointed by the Chairperson. Names shall be taken from the list of representatives present, omitting the representative of any association who has a particular interest in the item which is the subject of the vote.

6 REGULATIONS FOR SEA AND JUNIOR & CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS

6.1. Authority for Organization

6.1.1. The SEA and Junior & Cadet Championships shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Championships" shall be organised once every two years for the SEA Championships and once every year for the SEA Junior & Cadet Championships.

6.1.2. An association wishing to organise the Championships shall send a written application to the Secretary General not later than 10 weeks before the Congress.

All applications shall be considered by the Executive Committee and shall be submitted to the Congress together with the recommendations of the Executive Committee for the venue of the Championships in question. The option to organise the Championships shall be granted by the Congress with the confirmation of date for the Championships.

6.1.3. The right to organize future Championships shall normally be granted two years ahead.

6.1.4. Where necessary, the Congress or the Executive Committee may invite another member as an alternative.

6.1.5. If, after an option has been granted, circumstances change in such a way as to be likely to prejudice the satisfactory conduct of the Championships, the option may be revoked by the Executive Committee and will have the right to offer the option to other member associations.

7 BANK ACCOUNT

7.1. Bank account to be in the name of South East Asian Table Tennis Association

7.2. Bank account to be transacted as follows:-

to be signed by the Honorary Treasurer

and President

or Honorary Secretary General